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1966 REVEALS THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF BAN BAC,

LAOS:

1. ALTERNATE ROUTE 92 HAS BEEN CLOSED BY INTERDICTION AT 1548N 10646E (UTM XC888523). REPEATED BOMBINGS HAVE CAUSED LANDSLIDES TO COVER THE ROAD AT TWO POINTS AND COMPLETELY DESTROY THE ROAD BED AND EMBANKMENT AT ANOTHER. THERE IS NO INDICATION OF AN ATTEMPT TO REPAIR OR BY-PASS THIS ROAD SEGMENT.

2. ROUTE 92 HAS BEEN EXTENDED SOUTH ALONG THE SE KONG FROM THE WESTERN TERMINUS OF ROUTE 923 TO 1548N 10645E (XC891480). THE NEW ROAD GENERALLY FOLLOWS THE ALIGNMENT OF A CONSTRUCTED TRAIL (REPORTED IN REF A & B TO BE A SERVICEABLE ROAD), WITH BY-PASS OF 11 PREVIOUSLY EXISTING NON-VEHICULAR BRIDGES (EACH BY-PASS CROSSING AT A SUFFICIENT DISTANCE UPSTREAM TO PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTING A BRIDGE). VEHICLE TRACKS ARE OBSERVED INTERMITTENTLY ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH, AND A VEHICLE TURNING LOOP IS LOCATED NEAR THE PRESENT TERMINUS.

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CLEARING OPERATIONS ARE OBSERVED TO UTM XC888467.

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MAP REF: UTM COORDINATES FROM AMS SERIES L7012, SHEET 6358 II  
GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES FROM USATC SERIES 200, SHEET M0738-4HL  
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